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## **Attention Western Deschutes County Residents**

Central Electric Co-op has experienced major electrical problems with a substation and powerlines in Western Deschutes County. Residents as far west as Suttle Lake, Camp Sherman, Black Butte and the Crossroads and Tollgate subdivisions have been affected. The outage also extends east to the western edge of Tumalo.

**Repair work is under way, but it MAY be up to 24 hours before power can be restored to some or all of these areas.**

Deschutes County Search and Rescue will be conducting door-to-door contacts in the affected areas to check on residents. While an evacuation is not mandatory at this time, for those who cannot comfortably get by for the next 24 hours, a shelter has been established at Sisters Elementary School, located at **116 East Cascade in Sisters**. This shelter should be open by 9:30am today (Tuesday). If you choose to leave your residence and go to a friend or relative's house instead of the shelter, please check in with the shelter and leave some information on where you will be so out-of-town callers/relatives can get some updated information as to where you are.

Search and Rescue can supply transportation for ambulatory residents who are having transportation problems, such as vehicles that won't start, etc. For non-ambulatory residents (those with medical issues), a local fire department can supply transportation.

For those residents who choose to remain at their homes, please do the following:

1. Unplug any major appliances in your residences at the wall socket
2. Turn the thermostat down, if possible
3. Turn your porch light on, so when the power is re-established, we'll know your area has been re-energized
4. If you have a battery-powered radio, tune to a local radio station (102.9 FM, 1100 or 940 AM, etc.) for the latest information. **Please DO NOT call 911 to request updated information!**
5. An information line at 541-550-4888 should be up and running by 10am Tuesday, with either a live person or recorded information available.

We will do our best to keep you updated with the latest information.